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## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/684,103
Filing Date	10/05/2000
First Named Inventor	Douglas U. Mennie
Art Unit	3653
Examiner Name	Jeffrey A. Shapiro
Attorney Docket Number	47171-00271USP1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

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- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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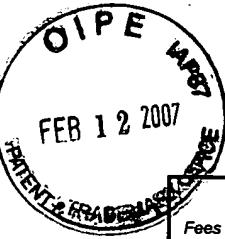
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Effective on 12/08/2004.  
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

## FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 6,020.00)

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>	
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

##### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

<u>Small Entity</u>
<u>Fee (\$)</u>

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
66	- 20 = 46	x 50.00	= \$2,300	<u>Fee (\$)</u> <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	_____
17	- 3 = 14	x 200.00	= \$2,800	_____

#### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

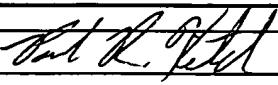
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#### 4. OTHER FEE(S)

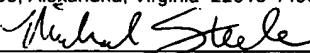
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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